



# MAASA Minutes

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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
**Time:** 18h00  
**Location:** Teams Online Meeting

Item	Description
1. Welcome	<p>EM welcomed all to the meeting</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• André Stockwell</li><li>• Martin Knoetzen</li><li>• Elaine Martins</li><li>• Rui Martins</li><li>• Neil Twomey</li><li>• Joshua Twomey</li><li>• Stuart Nix</li><li>• Terence Kieck</li><li>• Robin Martins</li><li>• Grant Brooke</li></ul>
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joshua Twomey – 1<sup>st</sup> hour</li></ul>
3. Statement (Annexure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RM started the meeting with a statement, as a response to Rodney Potter's email (emailed to committee a few days before meeting) and phone call. This has been attached as an Annexure to the Minutes</li><li>• SN indicated that Rodney Potter sent the message on his own behalf and that it is not the viewpoint of the Western Cape.</li></ul>
4. 2024 Nationals	
a) Budget and Judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NT discussed the initial budget of R24,000. This is not a viable option. The decision was made to use pilot judges.</li><li>• The new budget came in at R6,500</li><li>• RM made it clear that MAASA will not spend our member's contributions on non-MAASA members, by subsidizing the Nationals and non-members, having a party</li><li>• GB reiterated that the Nationals is a Team Selection event, and must be run according to the Sporting Code. Therefore, the Pilot Judges need to retake their Judges exam to be qualified and able to judge the Team Selection event. The Judges exam needs to be retaken annually. EM requested the Committee members to remind all pilots, flying at their respective fields, to take the Judges exam. The Judges exam will be enforced, in future.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAMAA's budget for the Nationals event was discussed in great detail. It has come to light that SAMAA cannot afford running the Nationals at a profit and that the SIGs need to contribute and/or find sponsorship. The budget has a deficit of R18,000 – R40,000. Previous sponsorship has pulled out.</li> <li>• Middelburg Airfield is not sponsoring anything this year. The following will need to be covered by SAMAA and the SIGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Camping</li> <li>- Coffee / Tea for the workers</li> <li>- Electricity</li> <li>- Generator and fuel</li> <li>- Cleaners</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RM indicated that MAASA's subsidy will come out of the R6,000 sponsorship, as MAASA will not be subsidizing anything.</li> <li>• By the time of the meeting, SAMAA's budget was not received, and RM will share it, as soon as received.</li> <li>• SN asked if there is a cut-off on the minimum entries, before SAMAA will cancel the event. RM to confirm this with SAMAA.</li> <li>• All are in agreement that the Nationals need to be centralized, to make it more accessible and affordable for the Western Cape to join.</li> <li>• All are in agreement with the budget.</li> </ul>
b) Flight Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flight line will be the same as last year. LSA will be moving up, towards the Pylon racing with 300m.</li> <li>• We still won't be able to fly parallel to the runway, and the flight line will be slightly angled, as last year.</li> <li>• LSA will also angle themselves.</li> <li>• RM asked for shade, from SAMAA. We are not sure if we will still get this, due to the budget constraints. A plea was raised to bring gazebos.</li> </ul>
c) Block-booking of Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM indicated that he has asked Bob Skinner if we could have the same campsites, as last year and that we can do a block-booking of the campsites, so all Pattern pilots are together.</li> </ul>
d) Braai Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A braai evening will be planned, as long as it is within the R6,000 budget.</li> </ul>
e) The split of flying days between disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is dependent on the amount of entries</li> <li>• i.e. we can work on 3 days: Day 1 is for Sportsmen and Classic. Day 2 and 3 for Advanced, Masters and F3A</li> </ul>
5. AGM	
a) Teams Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A serious consideration has been made to use Teams Meeting during the AGM</li> <li>• We require a conference speaker and microphone to ensure all participants are heard and can hear the discussions.</li> </ul>

b) Proxies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proxies still need to be given by members who cannot participate in the meeting</li> </ul>
c) Meeting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GB informed RM to book the meeting room with Bob Skinner</li> </ul>
d) Team Selection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process needs to change.</li> <li>Timeframe for the selection process needs to move up. The F3A team should be known at least 10 months in advance to assist in the arrangements, sponsorships and finances.</li> <li>According to SASCO, only 2 team selection events need to be held to achieve National Colours. There, however, need to be 3 or more competitors, to be issued with National Colours.</li> <li>GB requested a more rigorous attendance process to be considered, i.e. to have 3 qualifying competitions every year.</li> </ul>
e) Western Cape requesting Masters rotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be on the AGM Agenda to be discussed.</li> <li>The Masters should rotate through the Provinces, if they have enough participating pilots.</li> </ul>
f) Any additional matters to add to the AGM Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None added</li> </ul>
6. MAASA memberships application procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAASA membership applications for new members and renewal. This is an online application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill in the online form</li> <li>Receive the email, which shows the correct banking details</li> <li>Make payment into the correct bank account</li> <li>Send Proof of payment to the Treasurer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7. Masters Date Finalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dates are: 25 – 27 October 2024. 25<sup>th</sup> being the official Practice day</li> <li>Booking of the flight tickets, car hire for the judges to be done ASAP to save funds</li> </ul>
8. SAMAA's request of 5 improvements and 5 reasonable / doing right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members to send their list to RM</li> </ul>
9. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIAM Rep change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per Bob Skinner, he has sent through the request already, to initiate the changes. This should happen by 1 May 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12. Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned at 19:50.</li> </ul>

## **Annexure 1**

### *Rui Martins' Statement to Rodney Potter's email and phone call*

8 February 2024

This is in response to Rodney's email and previous phone call last week. What I don't know is if this is a reflection of the entire Western Cape contingent or just Rodney and his team's personal views.

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary that I started flying pattern. I have been around long before MAASA existed. During that time, I never contributed much, I used and I complained. Being MAASA Chairman is not something that I particularly enjoy doing, it's something that I have to do to give back for all that Pattern has done for me. For me, it's the right thing to do and I will do it to the best of my abilities. This is not a popularity contest for me and I have no fear of failure, there is no carrot that can be dangled in front of me to make me scared of losing my chairmanship. I am acting in the best interests of MAASA and treating everyone's contribution with the utmost respect. All decisions are made jointly.

My aim is to firstly mend the strained relationship MAASA has had with SAMAA over the last few years, and to grow Aerobatics as much as possible in South Africa especially the provinces that are dormant and need our help. The most important members are the future ones, and the most important provinces are the ones that we need to win back, not the ones that are up and running and self-sufficient.

I have no time and definitely no interest in a back-and-forth politicking power struggle that will stunt the growth of MAASA.

Myself, nor MAASA will be held to ransom by intimidation, scare tactics or ultimatums. We value the Western Cape's contributions to MAASA, but the Western Cape must have their meeting and decide the path they want to take, and if they decide to go their separate way, then it will be unfortunate and tragic. MAASA will definitely miss them, but MAASA will survive and thrive.

If the Western Cape decides to stay on board for the long haul, then they need to walk the path with us and not against us. If our Western Cape members decide to leave just know that there are no hard feelings. MAASA's doors are always open, and we will welcome back any and all.

Rui Martins  
Chairman